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TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

In accordance with the Notice of Allowability accompanying the Notice of Allowance mailed November 7, 2000, enclosed is one (1) sheet of formal drawings, Figs. 1 through 2, concerning the above-identified application.

It is respectfully submitted that the enclosed copies of formal drawings place this application in condition to be issued, upon payment of the issue fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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